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CONGRESS HAS PEACE PROGRAM

Reconstruction Legislation
Is to Be Taken Up
Now

ALTHOUGH SENATE
WILL DISCUSS TREATY

Committee Work Will Be
Taken Up in the House
This Week

Washington, D. C., July 8.—The 66th Congress, called in special session by President Wilson seven weeks ago, began a new chapter when it convened today after a week's recess. Having passed all the appropriation bills carrying funds needed for the fiscal year, leaders planned to begin work on the reconstruction legislation made necessary by the change of the country from a war to a peace basis, while in the Senate the next few months at least are expected to be given over largely to consideration of the German peace treaty and related subjects.

The appearance before the Senate on Thursday of President Wilson to explain the peace treaty and its league of nations covenant and the France-American agreement, in the opinion of senators, eclipsed all other matters on the Senate program for the week. No important business was on the Senate calendar to be taken up immediately, and some members considered it probable that the Senate might adjourn until Thursday soon after meeting to-day.

In the House, activity this week will center on committee work, except that legislation for enforcing prohibition probably will be called up for consideration on the floor.

FRENCH DECREES EXPLAINED.

Official Explanation Made By the French High Commission.

New York, July 8.—An official announcement is made here by the French high commission in explanation of two decrees recently issued by the French government under which restrictions on imports into France were partly removed.

Under a decree becoming effective June 20, the prohibition of imports was lifted on all merchandise not enumerated in the decree. The principal articles of merchandise which remained prohibited for the time being, except under license, are enumerated by the announcement as follows:

Cold storage meats, carded and combed wool, cheese, spelt and meslin in seed of flour (drinks?), oil, potassium, chemical products, derivative of oil tar other than those obtained directly by distillation of the tar dyes derived from tar, perfumes, twines with the exception of binding twine, textiles, newspaper paper, dressed or made-up furs, gold or silver wares, jewelry, clocks and watches, arms, powders and munitions, musical instruments and their parts, various articles of luxury, tobacco and other materials prohibited by special law, such as saccharine, distilled liquors, chemical matches, etc.

The second decree gives the table of surtaxes ad valorem to be levied in addition to the specific duties on taxes merchandise.

The rate of surtaxes varies with the nature of the products under consideration and according to whether the general tariff or the minimum tariff is to be applied; it ranges between 5 per cent and 20 or 30 per cent and occasionally 40 per cent.

For example: The surtax on typewriters is 10 per cent, general tariff and 5 per cent minimum tariff, that on automobiles is 20 per cent general tariff and 10 per cent minimum tariff for those which are not already taxed ad valorem. For this latter, the tax is 70 per cent. It has not been increased.

PROFESSOR OF FORESTRY.

And Supervisor of Battell Forest Owned by Middlebury College.

Middlebury college has engaged E. I. Terry, recently with the St. Maurice Paper company, as professor of forestry and supervisor of the Battell forest bequeathed to the institution by the late Joseph Battell and comprising some 25,000 acres of forest land in the Green mountains. Mr. Terry graduated from Harvard college in 1907 and later received the degree of master of forestry. For four years he was connected with the United States forest service, handling timber sales in the national forests of the West, and in charge of forest investigation in Montana, Idaho and eastern Washington. While with the national forest service he was engaged in making forest surveys and timber estimates and prepared volume and yield tables for the principal commercial species of that region.

In 1912 he was made director of the department of forestry in Colorado college, his duties including the management of a tract of 6,000 acres of pine lands in the mountains of Colorado. In 1917-18 he was appointed exchange professor from Colorado college at Harvard university. Mr. Terry will assume his duties about July 15 and make his headquarters at Breadloaf inn.

NORTH RANDOLPH

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pitts and son of Windsor spent Sunday with his parents.

Don Salter has been entertaining his sister.

Clark Jones is visiting in Rutland and Rochester.

Richard Plabe is working for John Perham.

Mrs. Roy Huse and children of Randolph have been spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. A. M. Cone.

Will Dickinson entertained his sister and family of St. Johnsbury over Sunday. His daughter, Doris, returned with them for a week's visit.

WEST BROOKFIELD

Miss Persis Andrews of Massachusetts is helping her aunt, Mrs. Horace Wakefield, during the summer vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wakefield and son, Kenneth, and Miss Ivis Blanchard went to Waterbury Sunday, making the trip in Walter Fullam's car.

Mr. and Mrs. John Duval and children of Randolph were Friday visitors at Dennis Barcombe's.

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NOT CONSPIRATORS, BUT VICTIMS OF CONSPIRACY

Counsel for Non-Partisan League Leaders Declares in Michigan Court—Motion to Dismiss Denied.

Jackson, Mich., July 8.—District Judge E. C. Dean yesterday denied the motion of the defense to dismiss the charge of conspiracy against E. G. Townley and Joseph Gilbert of the National Non-Partisan league.

Attorney George Hoke, for the defense, then began his opening statement to the jury.

"We will undertake to show you," Mr. Hoke said, "that instead of being conspirators, my clients are the victims of a conspiracy extending over this and neighboring states. This conspiracy was and now is in force for the purpose of destroying the Non-Partisan league as a political machine. It is all politics, and since it is, it should be settled in the political arena. The men we are attacking, the steel trust and the bankers, who fear that what we are advocating will interfere with their business, have conspired and now are conspiring to knock us out politically. They availed themselves of the opportunity which existed, as they possessed the machinery of the state of accusing the league of being disloyal, by accusing us of being in the pay of Germany and by hiring thugs to break up meetings."

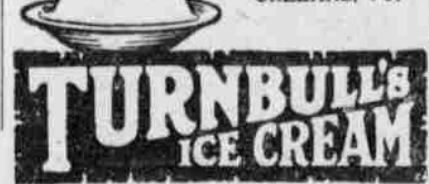
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EAST BROOKFIELD

In Memory of James W. Parmenter.

James W. Parmenter, one of Brookfield's best known and most respected citizens, passed away on the evening of June 28 at the Barre City hospital.

Mr. Parmenter was born in Warren, June 16, 1846, and while still a lad in his teens served as a volunteer in the Civil war. After his discharge, he became our town blacksmith and later on our storekeeper and postmaster. He was a member of the local Masonic lodge, and G. A. R. post and the Second Congregational church of this town.

He married Miss Hulda Beale of this place, who died in 1906. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. G. K. Sprague and Mrs. L. W. Morse, both of Brookfield; six grandchildren, James, Doris, George, Jr., and John Sprague, and Theron and Louis Morse; one sister, Mrs. Savilla Green of Brookfield, and one brother, C. H. Parmenter of Henniker, N. H.

The funeral was held June 30 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. G. K. Sprague, with Rev. John Irons of Williamstown officiating. Interment was made in Brookfield cemetery.

Merman and Lester Stoddard were in Montpelier on business recently.

Miss Ruth Trask spent a few days in Randolph recently.

C. B. Hopkins is visiting in Richford.

Mr. and Mrs. Will George of Randolph were recent visitors at Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Reed's.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Adams of Boston are visiting their cousins, A. D. and P. G. Reed and Mrs. W. F. Medaiff.

Miss Grace Trask is working for Mrs. Ralph Wilcox.

Lester Kendall of Worcester, Mass., is spending his vacation at his sister's, Mrs. Arthur Wheatley.

Orrin Savage from Boston spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Savage.

P. T. Belanger of Graniteville, formerly of New Haven, spent the week end at E. G. Harrington's.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Spaulding and daughter, Miss Melba, from North Brookfield, Mass., and Mr. and Mrs. Gilman Smith from South Royalton were guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Stoddard over Sunday.

POST MILLS

The Post Mills troop of boy scouts made its monthly trip Monday, June 30, going to Belle island in Fairlee lake, where they indulged in water sports and forest games, besides enjoying their picnic lunch on the shore, doing some solid work on elementary first aid for "second class" and initiating one new member, Robert Allen, who took the scout oath on this occasion. The boys were accompanied by Scoutmaster A. H. Sargent and Assistant Scoutmaster Harold C. Chamberlin.

The free reading room in the public library is already proving of value. It

brarian Mrs. Jennie Terhune has arranged to allow books to be taken out whenever the reading room is open.

The union Sunday school picnic at Lachearn camp, on the shore of Fairlee lake, July 3, was a great success. About 200 people were present. The schools of Vershire, South Vershire, Thetford Center and Post Mills participated. Excellent music was furnished by the South Vershire band, assisted by musicians from Stratford and Tunbridge. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chubb and the Lachearn camp girls made their camp pleasant for everybody and contributed much to the entertainment. Mr. Chubb gave a cordial invitation to the Sunday schools to come next year and make their Lachearn camp picnic an annual event for the Fourth of July.

The Fourth was safe and sane in Post Mills. A number of people celebrated it by eating the first harvest of green peas from their gardens.

In the early afternoon of the Fourth, Mrs. Leon Allis passed away at her home on Main street. Mrs. Allis had been in poor health a long time, but was confined to her bed only a few days. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon, July 6, Rev. Arthur H. Sargent of the Post Mills Community church officiating.

Charles H. Parker passed away at his home on Boundary road Saturday afternoon. He had been suffering several weeks from complications following influenza.

Campers, together with regular attendants, filled the Community church to overflowing Sunday. The service closed with communion.

Mrs. Isabel Condict, a missionary from Burma, is visiting her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Adams.

A meeting of all the committees on arrangements for the Post Mills fair is being held at grange hall this evening. The fair will be held six weeks from tomorrow, Wednesday, Aug. 20.



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